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40. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 37, wherein each of the flakes has a particle size between about 1.5 mm and about 10 mm and a thickness between about 1.5 μm and about 50 μm .
41. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 37, wherein each of the flakes has a thickness between about 1.5 μm and about 50 μm .
42. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 37, wherein the organic polymeric material includes at least one polymer selected from a poly (meth)acrylate, a polyvinylacetate, a product of a reaction between a carboxylic acid and an epoxidation product of a carboxylic acid ester, and mixtures thereof.
43. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 42, wherein the carboxylic acid is a dicarboxylic acid.
44. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 43, wherein the dicarboxylic acid is selected from maleic acid, itaconic acid, fumaric acid, succinic acid, methylsuccinic acid, malic acid, furandicarboxylic acid, phthalic acid, tartaric acid, citraconic acid and mixtures thereof.
45. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 42, wherein the carboxylic acid is polycarboxylic acid.
46. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 45, wherein the polycarboxylic acid is selected from citric acid, aconitic acid, trimellitic acid and mixtures thereof.
47. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 42, wherein the carboxylic acid is a carboxylic acid derivative from an anhydride, a partial ester and mixtures thereof.
48. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 47, wherein an alcohol component of the partial ester is a polyol.

49. (New) The planar structure of claim 48, wherein the polyol is selected from dipropylene glycols, propandiols, butanediols, hexantriols, pentaerythritols, glycerins and mixtures thereof.
50. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 37, wherein the organic polymeric material includes a mixture of citric acid with a partial ester of maleic anhydride and dipropylene glycol.
51. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 50, wherein the mixture includes up to about 50% by weight citric acid.
52. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 50, wherein the mixture includes up to about 25% by weight citric acid.
53. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 42, wherein the epoxidation product of a carboxylic acid is selected from epoxidized linseed oil, epoxidized soybean oil, epoxidized castor oil, epoxidized rape-seed oil, epoxidized veronia oil and mixtures thereof.
54. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 37, wherein the linoleum sheet includes from about 1% to about 15% by weight of the flakes.
55. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 37, wherein the linoleum sheet has a thickness of about 0.8 mm to about 4.0 mm.
56. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 37, wherein the flakes are single-colored.
57. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 37, wherein the flakes are multi-colored.
58. (Amended) The planar structure of claim 37, wherein the flakes include at least one agent selected from an optical brightening agent, a fluorescent agent, a phosphorescent agent and mixtures thereof.